THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The Tehri Dam Project had been cleared by the Planning Commission and was accorded approval in June, 1972 for being executed as a State Project, with an installed generating capacity of 600 MW. In November 1986, the Government decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Complex with an installed generating capacity of 2400 MW, as a joint-venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and to seek Soviet technical and financial assistance for the same. There has been no change in this decision.

Price control on Oxyfedrine Hcl

*91. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 47 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of Kelkar Committee and his Ministry received a number of representations for inclusion of Oxyfedrine Hcl under Price control; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Effective from 27-02-1990, Oxyfedrine Hcl., along with 20 other bulk drugs, have been put under price control.

Contaminated Intravenous Fluid

*92. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 30,000 bottles of intravenous fluid manufactured by a Coimbatore based Oslers Pharma, have been declared 100 per cent contaminated by the Central Drugs Laboratory, Calcutta and the Central Drugs Standard Central Organisation of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken against the concerned drug manufacturing company?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) Samples of 20 batches of Intravenous Fluids manufactured by M/s. Oslers Pharma Limited, Coimbatore were taken from the premises of M/s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi by the Drugs Inspectors of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (North Zone) and sent to the Government Analyst, Central Drugs Laboratory at Calcutta for analysis. 15 samples out of 20 samples taken were reported to be not of standard quality by the Government Analyst. On the basis of test reports, the Central Drugs Inspector (North Zone) has filed a complaint on 20-2-1990 in the Court of Metropolitan Magistrate (First Class), Tis Hazari, Delhi, under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules thereunder against M/s. Oslers Pharma Ltd., Coimbatore as well as M/s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi

Central Drugs Inspector (North Zone) has also approached the Court praying for destruction of stocks of Intravenous fluids lying with M/s. Eskay Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi as those were considered *not* fit for human consumption.

Performance of Cement Corporation of India

*93. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : SHRI N. RAJANGAM :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Press reports to the effect that the capacity utilisation of Cement Corporation of India has improved from 63 percent to 74 percent and that there has been a growth rate of 14 percent;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make further investment in this public sector Corporation in view of the likely shortage of cement expected from 1992 onwards;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Cement Corporation of India carries heavy interest burden and if so, whether any capital restructuring of the Company is being undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) So far Government have invested about Rs. 310 crores as equity in the Corporation including Rs. 30 crores during 1989-90. In addition, proposal of the company for further investment during the year 1990-91 is also under consideration of the Government. Details will be available after the finalisation of the VIII Plan proposals.

(d) The company has to bear interest burden of about Rs. 25 to 30 crores per annum. A Capital Restructuring proposal in respect of the company is being processed.

Pending power projects of Maharashtra

*94. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of project reports in respect of thermal power stations which have been submitted for clearance by the Maharashtra Government to the Central Government during the last two years;

(b) how many of these have been cleared and how many are still pending for clearance;

(c) what are the details of the Central assistance being provided for the above projects; and

(d) what progress has so far been made in the implementation of the above projects ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The details of Project reports in respect of thermal power stations received from the State authorities during the last two years and the status of their clearances etc. is contained in the statement.

Central assistance is provided to the States in the form of block loans and block grants and is not related to any specific project/programme.